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Sir:

The undersigned, as a co-inventor and applicant of the present invention, hereby declares that:

1. I hold a master degree from Tohoku University in pharmacy.
2. I have been employed by Advanced Life Science Institute, Inc. as Executive Scientist since 1999 in the R & D department. I have direct experience in biochemistry and am capable of rendering an opinion as an expert in the art of biotechnology.
3. I have reread the specification of the subject patent application and all of the arguments raised by the Examiner during the prosecution.